

#### STRATEGY MB-MPWC 2 - ZONING



# Activity A: Criteria for determining which zones should remain open

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- 2. Wildlife impacts within the zones
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# STRATEGY MB-MPWC 4 - EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH TO MPWC COMMUNITY



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Activity B: Interpretive methods (e.g. presentations, dock walkers, sign placement, information distribution).

- 1. Conduct a needs assessment survey to determine the most effective method(s) of contacting MPWC users
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#### STRATEGY MB-MPWC 5 - ENFORCEMENT



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# Activity B: Permit enforcement at Mavericks using permit fee funding.

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### REVIEW STRATEGY MB-MPWC 1 - DEFINITION



Activity A: Develop a revised sample definition.

Motorized Personal Watercraft means any watercraft, propelled by machinery, that is designed to be operated by standing, sitting, or kneeling on, astride, or behind the vessel, in contrast to a conventional boat, where the operator stands or sits inside the vessel;

and any watercraft less than 16 feet in length (as manufactured) that is propelled by a water jet pump, fan, or turbine.



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Activity B: Improve buoy marking system.

The visibility of zone marker buoys will be enhanced by adding:

- 1. pvc piping to extend their height above the waterline,
- 2. by marking buoys to identify their purpose, and
- 3. by incorporating prominent USCG navigational aids whenever feasible

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#### **STRATEGY MB-MPWC 3 - EXCEPTIONS**

Activity A: Authorization for training of public safety personnel.

Activity B: Official protocols for training of public safety personnel.

Activity C: Authorization program for tow-in surfing activities at Mavericks (Pillar Point).



#### REVIEW STRATEGY MB-MPWC 3 - EXCEPTIONS



Activity A: Authorization for training of public safety personnel.

NOAA will issue special use permits to public safety agencies operating MPWC within the Sanctuary to facilitate training of public safety personnel.





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#### Activity B: Protocols for training of public safety personnel.

- 1. Training shall be conducted only by official government public safety personnel assigned to local units exercising jurisdictional authority within the Sanctuary
- 2. Training shall not occur in sensitive habitat areas or disturb marine wildlife
- 3. Training shall not interfere with other ocean users
- 4. Authorized public safety agencies shall select training areas and periods in coordination with the MBNMS.
- 5. Authorized public safety agencies shall consult with the MBNMS in advance of ocean training sessions
- 6. Trainees shall use only agency equipment that is marked for ready identification by the public
- 7. Trainees shall perform training in accordance with strict standards prescribed by their respective agencies and approved by the MBNMS



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### Activity C: Authorization for tow-in surfing at Mavericks.

The guidelines will (at a minimum) include:

- 1. A limited entry, special use permit system (fee included). Permits will be issued to not more than 20 teams (each team must have 2-3 members and only 1 MPWC) on a first-come basis. Permit fees will be used to offset monitoring and enforcement costs.
- 2. Permit fees will be assessed in amounts sufficient to present a zero net cost to the government for administering this program. Costs include (but are not limited to) training, training materials, permitting, decals, education materials, monitoring and enforcement.
- 3. Permits will be issued only for the purpose of conducting surfing activities.



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#### Activity C: Authorization for tow-in surfing at Mavericks.

The guidelines will (at a minimum) include:

- 4. Permitted access to Mavericks will only be authorized when the official reported swell height at NOAA National Data Buoy #46012 (Half Moon Bay buoy) reaches 20 feet or greater.
- 5. Maximum number of MPWC allowed on-site at Mavericks is 20 craft at any time.
- 6. Monitoring and enforcement will be required for 8-10 hours/day during high surf advisory days (approximately 5 15 per year) to assure compliance with the permit program.



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#### Activity C: Authorization for tow-in surfing at Mavericks.

#### 7. General permit conditions

- · Seasonal restrictions
- Minimal sea state and tide level requirements
- Proof of MPWC training certification (classroom)
- Proof of insurance and required minimum coverage limits for environmental damage
- MPWC must tow a sled
- Permit holders cannot access the site on MBNMS authorized competition days
- · Access limited to the period between official sunrise and 9:00 AM
- Access to and from Mavericks shall be along a defined route from the harbor entrance to the bell buoy "3", then northward along the west side of Black Hand reef to the Mavericks wave break
- Authorized craft must remain south of the southern tip of Pillar Point and must be actively
  engaged in surfing activities at Mavericks or transiting to and from the Mavericks surfing site
  along the authorized access route
- MPWC operation is prohibited in the lagoon area between Pillar Point, Sail Rock, and the breakwater.
- Authorized craft must bear an official MBNMS decal on the Hull as prescribed in the permit
- Permit holders must obey all State and Federal boating laws
- Permit holders must carry photo ID



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